



Governor's E-Newsletter

November 19-25, 2005



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

Quote of the Week

"I don't believe being the first anything is significant in and of itself. It is only what you do with this gift you have been given. To be the first means you have this responsibility now to make certain that you are no longer the first, that there are others who come behind you."

- Governor Lingle, the first female Governor of Hawai`i and first female Mayor of Maui, sharing her desire to create opportunities for other "firsts" in the state at the 2005 Diversity Awards in Washington, D.C.

Thought of the Week

"A defining mark of Gov. Linda Lingle's first term has been her steady commitment to advancing the rights of Native Hawaiians."

- An excerpt from David Shapiro's column, "Akaka Bill importance shown in first house lots," congratulating Governor Lingle for her commitment to Native Hawaiians.

"The addition of the new Student Life Center will be the most substantial addition to student life since the founding of this University."

Governor Celebrates Thanksgiving With Hawai`i Residents in Need



Governor Lingle carved the Thanksgiving turkey and joined other volunteers in serving meals to the homeless and Hawai`i residents in need at the River of Life's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration and

Meal Service. The Governor continues to make helping Hawai`i's vulnerable population one of her top priorities. In the upcoming legislative session, the Lingle-Aiona Administration will again focus on providing tax relief to those who are most in need – individuals and families who struggle to pay for rent, food and medical care.

Governor Lingle Attends Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



Governor Lingle was the keynote speaker at the 44th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, an event which celebrates the religious

- Dylan Nonaka, student body president, thanking Governor Lingle for her support of the University of Hawai`i-Hilo.

Upcoming Events

November 28, Governor Lingle will unveil the Lingle-Aiona Administration's first set of initiatives for the 2006 legislative session.

November 28, Governor Lingle will participate in La Pietra School for Girls' "Thinking Women" guest lecture series.

December 2, Governor Lingle will attend the Annual Republican Governors Association Conference in Carlsbad, California.

Governor's Weekly Radio Show

The show can be heard live from 7:05-8:00 a.m. Wednesdays on www.hawaii.gov/gov or on the following radio stations:
O`ahu (KHHV AM 830)
Maui/Kona (KAOI 1110 AM)
Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)
Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)



diversity in

Nu`uanu Valley and includes all faith communities. The Governor shared what she is thankful for this Thanksgiving and spoke about her personal faith, and how it keeps her focused. "The power of prayer and the power of faith is important to our well-being as individuals and as a community," Governor Lingle said. "I find solace and strength in prayer when faced with difficult decisions about how best to serve the people of Hawai`i."

Governor Outlines State Disaster Relief Plans



As part of the Administration's ongoing efforts to work with federal, county, military and private partners to prepare for disasters, Governor Lingle participated in a four-hour round-table discussion to

lay out the State's response plans in the case of an emergency. Facilitated by State Civil Defense and FEMA, the meeting presented a Category 4 hurricane as the scenario and participants discussed how their agencies can work together to better achieve a synchronized, well-coordinated response. This is in coordination with monthly emergency preparedness meetings with the Governor, Lt. Governor and their cabinet.

Governor Supports Troops, Thanks Families



Governor Lingle welcomed members of the 29th Brigade Combat Team's Family Readiness Group to Washington Place



to thank them for their support of Hawai`i's troops. The "corps of volunteers" serves as a support group for various levels of the brigade and consists of family members, spouses and friends of deployed National Guard personnel. The 29th Brigade was mobilized in August 2004 and deployed to Iraq and Kuwait in January 2005. They are expected to return home by the end of January.

Governor Congratulates Filipino Business Women, Announces Mission to Philippines



Governor Lingle attended the Filipino Business Women's Association's 23rd Anniversary and Kimona Ball, where she congratulated three university

scholarship recipients and Alma Caberto, the Filipino Business Woman of the Year. The Filipino Business Women's Association was established in 1983 to bring together Filipino Business women of diverse occupations. Also this week, the Governor announced she will lead a Hawai`i delegation to the Philippines in January to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipinos in Hawai`i. [full story](#)

Governor Releases Over \$18 Million to University of Hawai`i-Hilo Campus



During a visit to the University of Hawai`i-Hilo campus, Governor Lingle announced the release of \$18,360,000 for improvements to the UH-Hilo

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campus: \$16,260,000 for a Student Life Center and \$2,000,000 for the Hawaiian Language Building. The new Student Life Center will include a fitness center, basketball courts, and an Olympic-size swimming pool and will help the University of Hawai`i-Hilo attract and retain students while also supporting the development of Hilo as a college town. The Hawaiian Language Building will provide a state-of-the-art facility for the College of Hawaiian Language and supply the physical resources to accommodate continued curriculum development, high technology learning, and distance education needs.

Governor Visits Hale Anuenue



Governor Lingle visited residents at the Hale Anuenue Restorative Care Center and toured the facility. The facility provides 24-hour care for individuals in need of skilled, intermediate or respite nursing services and can

accommodate 120 residents. To benefit Hawai`i's kupuna, the Governor has proposed a long-term care tax credit for those who invest in long-term care insurance.

Governor Visits Communities on Big Island



Governor Lingle met with officers and residents of the Ainaloa Community Association and Neighborhood Watch association to discuss issues of concern to the community.

Ainaloa is an established subdivision in the Puna region, 4

miles east of Kea`au, on the East side of the Big Island. The Governor also met with the Friends of Pahoia Library, to tour the library and discussed the importance of a library to the rural community, as well as their desire to expand. [full story](#)

Governor, Mrs. Hawai`i Discuss Early Childhood Education



Governor Lingle met with Mrs. Hawai`i 2005 Arlene Newman-Van Asperen and her three-year-old son Kula. They discussed early childhood education, which is Mrs. Hawai`i's platform and a priority for the Lingle-Aiona

Administration. Mrs. Hawaii offered to work with the Administration in supporting the Governor's programs to increase the number of preschool slots. She also shared the importance of her son's participation in Sunset Beach Elementary School's program in developing his language skills. [full story](#)

Governor Welcomes Australian Ambassador



Governor Lingle met with Australian Ambassador to the United States, Dennis Richardson (center), to discuss Hawai`i's role in the Australia-U.S. alliance, with particular emphasis on security issues

in the Pacific Rim. Governor Lingle and Ambassador Richardson also discussed the U.S. free trade agreement

with Australia, and the economic possibilities that have resulted. The Ambassador was joined by Consul General John Quinn (left) and Admiral Raydon Gates (right), Defense Attaché at the Australian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Governor Welcomes Swimmers to Pearl City Invitational Swim Meet



Governor Lingle, an avid swimmer, welcomed 500 swimmers to the 26th Annual Pearl City Invitational Swim Meet. She congratulated the swimmers, ranging in age from 10-16, for their dedication to the sport and for

their enthusiasm, and thanked Ken Suenaga, head coach of the Pearl City Aquatics and Pearl City High School, for taking an active role in the last five years to establish a pool facility at the Central O`ahu Regional Park.

"Dedicated to Hawai'i's Troops"

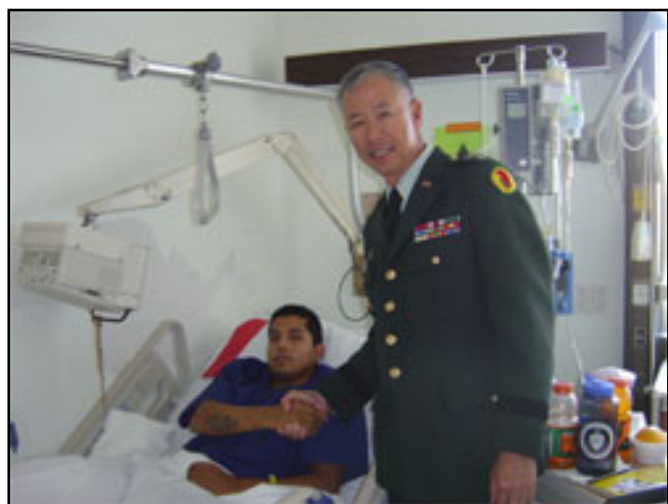


Photo courtesy of Major General Lee

Major General Robert Lee, The Adjutant General, presents his coin to SPC Christian Valle, 100th Battalion, 442 Infantry at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.

C. SPC Valle lost both legs above the knee in an attack that killed his friend, SGT Evan Parker. General Lee delivered a message from General Miyagi and said SGT Parker's home town all attended his funeral. SPC Valle felt a lot better. His spirits are good and he is looking forward to his rehabilitation. SPC Valle is so proud to be a member of the 100th Battalion, 442 Infantry, 29th Brigade Combat Team.

We invite you to submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country in the defense of freedom and liberty. Please e-mail your photos and a brief caption to governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

Departments of the Week- Human Services



The Department of Human Services helped William Donohoe, a 48-year-old father of four and Hawai`i resident, realize his dream of opening his own business. In 2002, Donohoe was diagnosed with a series of medical problems including a brain tumor. He was unable to work and sought the assistance of the State of Hawai`i Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, which connected him to a program for people qualified to start their own businesses. Donohoe found a mentor and advisor and qualified for a \$35,000 grant to start his business.

The Supporting Employment Empowerment program, or SEE program, was a resource for Donohoe and his

business. The SEE program is available to Hawai`i's employers to assist them with their recruiting needs by sending qualified, pre-screened applicants to interview. "SEE provides employers with the opportunity to expand their business at minimum cost, by offering to the company a diverse pool of job candidates with various talent and skills," Lillian Koller, Director of the Department of Human Services, said. Lt. Governor Aiona was present at the blessing of Donohoe's business, The Shipping Shack, Inc. and congratulated him for his perseverance.

Hawaiian Home Lands



Mcorin Lima and his wife Audrey select a lot as DHHL Director Micah Kane looks on. The Limas reside in Lake Elsinore, California and are looking forward to moving back home to Hawai`i.

This week, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands awarded 76 people with homestead lots in the Kaupe`a subdivision in Kapolei. The 1921 Hawaiian Homes Act set aside 200,000 acres of ceded lands for the use of people with 50 percent or more Hawaiian blood. 326 lots will eventually be awarded in this "turnkey" project where contractors build homes on the lots. The subdivision is one of several master-planned communities DHHL is developing. DHHL hopes to award 2,100 new homes in the next 18 months, Director Micah Kane said. "How many young people have the opportunity to get in on a project such as this?" said John D. Kaupiko, a 72-year-old Hawai'i Kai resident. "I gotta thank the department. It's wonderful and I'm glad a lot of Hawaiians are next."

In the News

Lingle releases nearly \$19M for education

GOVERNOR TOURS
PUNA, UHĀ CAMPUS

BY JACOB ARNSTEIN
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Linda Lingle toured UHā and Puna on Wednesday, bringing with her nearly \$19 million in state checks for big island educational facilities and programs.

"I'm happy to be here," Lingle told a University of Hawaii at Hilo political science class before announcing her release of \$13.4 million for the school.

The bulk of the money, some \$12.6 million, will pay for a 1,000 student life center.

"This will fund phase one," Lingle said, noting that will involve construction of an 80,000-sq-ft extension of the existing center and a new dormitory.

"The student life center is integral to the activities of student life on campus, and will



Gov. Linda Lingle, center, visits a University of Hawaii at Hilo political science class Wednesday.

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significantly help the University of Hawaii Hilo attract and retain students while also supporting the development of Hilo as a college town," Lingle added in a written statement her office released Wednesday.

Lingle's announcement drew a loud applause from the more than 30 students, faculty and administrators who attended her presentation to the political science class.

Construction of the project, which will cost \$20.6 million,

is expected to start early next year.

She also presented a \$2-million check to the planning and design work for a Hawaiian language building on the UHĀ campus.

"It's something I believe in very strongly that if you don't have the language, you don't have the culture," Lingle said.

The building is projected to cost \$15.4 million. Lingle also approved giving \$247,000 in state money to the Puna-Haunani Community

Opportunity Council. DIRECTIC will receive \$246,000 for its Language Arts Instructional Program, which offers tutoring, homework assistance, field trips and parent involvement activities for students. Twenty-grade students. More than 100 kids are expected to benefit from the program. DIRECTIC also was awarded \$100,000 for its Drop Out Prevention Program, offering counseling, crisis intervention and other services to high school students at risk of dropping out.

Before announcing the release of the educational funding, Lingle toured the Puna Library, where she posed for photographs with Puna students and more autographed one dollar bills.

"I think it's cool that she's at the Puna High School Library," said Joseph "Tommy" Oka, who proudly showed off Lingle's autograph and a photo of himself and his classmates with the governor.

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Akaka bill importance shown in house lots

Hawaiian Homes
program vulnerable
to ongoing lawsuits



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BY JACOB ARNSTEIN

A billings week of Gov. Linda Lingle's first term has been hit by a lawsuit to advance the rights of Native Hawaiians.

It's been more visible in her personal life than in Washington for the state bill, which would grant federal political recognition to Hawaiians.

An important factor in the administration's decision to move forward with the bill is the number of lawsuits filed in federal court to challenge the program.

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Jobless rate here still lowest in U.S.

Tight labor market
leaves employers
with job vacancies

BY DAN HANCOCK
Advertiser Staff Writer

Hawaii's October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent led the way for the nation for the eighth month in a row.

The rest of the country had a 4 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate. No other state had an October unemployment rate below 3.4 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

In September, Hawaii also had a 3.7 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

While workers are enjoying the benefits of a tight labor market, employers are having a harder time filling openings.

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HAWAII AND U.S.
UNEMPLOYMENT
RATES

October 2004
Hawaii 3.7% U.S. 4.0%

PERCENT



Source: Bureau of Labor and Statistics

The Hawaii Labor Market is tight, with employers having a hard time filling openings.

Carl Hansen, director of workforce development for Hawaii Pacific Health, said his office has about 300 full and part-time job open-

ings we already have," Hansen said of the October unemployment numbers. "When the economy starts to slide, we'll see a lot of secondary wage earners stepping up and becoming primary wage earners. Obviously we're not seeing that kind of shift because the economy's still heated."

It's a continuation of the state's job, which is visible for us."

Hawaii Pacific Health still needs to fill nursing and medical positions but is also starting to see shortages of accountants, especially those with experience.

Hansen said.

Conduct's unemployment rate shows that 600,000 people were employed and 27,700 were still unemployed.

"The stability of the low unemployment rate and steady job growth in the state continue to strengthen and sustain Hawaii's vibrant economy," said Hansen.

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Hawai'i economy exceeds projections

Advertiser Staff

Hawai'i's economy is growing at a faster pace than previously thought, helped by the surging tourism industry and solid gains in inflation-adjusted personal incomes, University of Hawai'i researchers reported yesterday.

The residential construction sector also "continues to perform at an exceptionally high level" and is expected to generate 30 percent more jobs this year than last, according to the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization's quarterly economic outlook.

About the only dark cloud on the horizon is rising inflation, fueled by a combination of Hawai'i's strong economic growth and a spike in global energy prices, wrote Carl Rothman and Byron Grogan, the report's authors.

Stronger-than-expected visitor traffic from the Mainland in the third quarter prompted the two to revise their forecast for overall 2005 arrivals to a 3.7 percent increase, from a predicted rise in September of 4.4 percent.

Visitor traffic from the Mainland and Japan is expected to grow at a slower rate in 2006, with overall arrivals forecast to increase just 3.8 percent.

2005 ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS

Visitor arrivals	+6.7%
Personal income	+4.3%
Payroll jobs	+2.7%
Inflation rate	3.7%

Personal incomes, after adjusting for inflation, are projected to rise 4.3 percent in 2005, up from the previous forecast of 3.7 percent. "It is unlikely that such robust income growth can be sustained much longer; we expect slowing to 3.7 percent in 2006," according to the report.

Labor market conditions remain "conservatively tight," with payroll jobs forecast to grow by 2.7 percent this year, then slow to 1.8 percent growth next year.

The inflation rate for Oahu, which was 3.7 percent in 2005, is forecast to rise to 3.7 percent in 2005 and 3.9 percent in 2006.

"Local inflation will remain above the national average for the foreseeable future," according to the report.

The full report is available at www.ahers.hawaii.edu.

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Hawaii residents have reasons to be grateful



GATHERING PLACE

Gov. Linda Lingle
and Lt. Gov. James R. Aiona

THIS Thanksgiving holiday, Hawaii residents around the state, along with our fellow Americans across the country, will gather with family and friends to give thanks for all that we hold dear and hope.

In Hawaii, we are especially blessed to be surrounded by the unparalleled beauty of the islands, a vibrant economy that contributes to our rising quality of life, a diverse culture that welcomes friends from near and far, and the unmistakable aloha spirit that ties each of us to this special place we call home.

Thanksgiving in Hawaii will be celebrated in many different ways — a family picnic on the beach, preparing kalua pork in a backyard imu, a quick run to the store to get a jump on holiday shopping, watching football or a traditional hunt around the dinner table.

Many of our residents will be on the job this Thanksgiving Day serving others. We extend our appreciation to our first responders (police, sheriff, firefighters, paramedics), emergency medical services personnel, hospital workers,

lifeguards and civil defense workers) who ensure our health and safety; hotel, airline and restaurant employees who will give our visitors an island Thanksgiving to remember; and the many other dedicated workers who keep our state moving forward.

In what has become a tradition, hundreds of caring Hawaii residents will volunteer their time and reach out to those who are less fortunate by serving meals to the homeless, the elderly and the lonely. These selfless individuals represent the countless Hawaii residents who generously lend a helping hand — not just today, but throughout the year — and touch the lives of our fellow residents and strengthen our communities.

This Thanksgiving we are also grateful for the recent homecoming of the first wave of Hawaii National Guard and Reserve troops after an 18-month deployment to the Middle East. We are proud of their courage and grateful for their service to protect our freedom and spread peace and democracy throughout the world. But we cannot forget those who are still serving overseas and the daily sacrifices they and their families are making for our country.

From our aloha to yours, we wish all Hawaii residents a happy Thanksgiving. It is our hope that your hearts will be filled with thanks and your homes filled with the warmth and enjoyment of your loved ones.

Aloha e malama pono!

Linda Lingle is governor and James R. Aiona is lieutenant governor of Hawaii.

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Housing agency's rating rises

The HCDOM improves from last year's rating on "timeliness"

By Bill Rogers

The state's public housing agency has been rated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as "improving" for the first time since 1990.

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Housing agency improving

HCDOM no longer on report, but still short of compliance

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76 awarded homestead lots at packed event



John Douglas of Hawaii (left) is congratulated by Department of Hawaiian Home Lands officials after being awarded a homestead lot.

Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands officials are congratulating a man who has been awarded a homestead lot.

The event was held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu. It was a packed event with many people in attendance. The event was held to award homestead lots to eligible applicants. The event was held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu. It was a packed event with many people in attendance. The event was held to award homestead lots to eligible applicants.

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Small wonder, then, a group of them has formed an offshoot of the Society for the Study of the Negro in Philadelphia.

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